

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<i>In re</i> Application of :	)	
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Raymond J. GORTE, <i>et al.</i>	)	Examiner: Dah-Wei D. Yuan
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Serial No.: 10/053,085	)	Group Art Unit: 1745
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Filed: November 9, 2001	)	Confirmation Number 5527
	)	
For: USE OF SULFUR-CONTAINING FUELS FOR DIRECT-OXIDATION FUEL CELLS		

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In the parent application, the examiner issued a final Office Action dated December 19, 2005. Applicants filed a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review, and the Patent Office issued a Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review on May 11, 2006, informing the applicants that there is at least one actual issue for appeal. Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on June 19, 2006, and now submit this preliminary amendment for consideration prior to examination of this application.

**The Listing of Claims** can be found on pages 2-8 of this paper.

**Remarks** are found on pages 9-13 of this paper.